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SUBJECT: 34TH SESSION UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CHILE

REFS: (A) STATE 044012 (B) GENEVA 02589 (C) STATE 044093

DEPT FOR IO - ASST SEC DALLEY; GENEVA FOR AMB. MEZVINSKY

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTELS (B) AND (C) I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES ASKING THAT WE MEET THIS EVENING (FEBRUARY 19) IN LIEU OF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED 70 MINUTE MEETING DURING WHICH I WENT OVER IN GREAT DETAIL POINTS MADE IN REFTELS.
2. VALDES MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS STRONG INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE GOC TO REACH AGREEMENT ON GROUNDRULES THAT WOULD PERMIT VISIT, BUT THAT AT THIS MOMENT PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAS NOT REPEAT NOT AGREED TO PROPOSED COMPROMISE.
3. ON SPECIFIC POINTS OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT, VALDES SAID THAT PINOCHET HAD AGREED IN PAST TO TWO PERSONS, NOT INCLUDING ALLANA, AND NOTED THAT TELEGRAMS DID NOT MENTION TOTAL NUMBER OF
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WORKING GROUP MEMBERS PLANNING TO VISIT CHILE. VALDES ALSO WAS NOT AWARE THAT REASON FOR ALLANA'S ABSENCE WOULD BE GIVEN AS ILLNESS. I STRESSED TO VALDES THAT REGARDING THIRD CONDITION AS OUTLINED REFTER(A) REFERRING TO 1503 PROCEDURE, USG COULD ONLY OFFER ITS OWN SUPPORT BUT NOT SPEAK FOR HRC.

4. VALDES SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH PINOCHET IN PUERTO RICO FEBRUARY 20 AND REPORT STATE OF PLAY. I STRESSED THAT AT NO TIME HAD AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET BUT THAT HE OR OTHER DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF HRC WOULD BE WILLING TO COME IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION, PROVIDED THERE IS PRIOR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON COMPROMISE SUGGESTED BY WORKING GROUP. VALDES, WHO IS PLANNING TO DEPART THIS WEEK FOR GENEVA, ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FROM PINOCHET GUIDANCE SO THAT HE COULD REACH AGREEMENT IN GENEVA ON POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS.

5. I APPRECIATE GREATLY EFFORTS OF USDEL HRC AND IO TO ARRIVE AT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS LONGSTANDING ISSUE, AND I URGED VALDES TO CONVINCE PINOCHET TO ACCEPT WG COMPROMISE. IN VIEW OF TIME REQUIRED EITHER FOR VISIT BY MEZVINSKY OR OTHER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE HERE OR FOR VALDES TO ARRIVE GENEVA WITH SUITABLE INSTRUCTIONS, I URGE THAT THURSDAY HRC MEETING ON CHILE BE POSTPONED FOR A FEW DAYS. LANDAU

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